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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1136

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 6, 2004

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Methamphetamine Abuse Task Force.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Chowning

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes a permanent task force to review information and develop a long-range plan for combating methamphetamine abuse and manufacture.

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill would establish the 24-member Methamphetamine Abuse Task Force consisting of 8 state employees and 16 lay members. The Task Force is established to: (1) obtain, review, and evaluate information concerning the harm caused by the illegal importation, production, and use of methamphetamine in Indiana; (2) determine the extent to which methamphetamine use and methamphetamine laboratories interfere with or make more difficult the duties of: (a) federal, state, and local law enforcement; (b) fire departments; (c) educational institutions; and (d) health and social services agencies; (3) review efforts in other states to stem the use and spread of methamphetamine; (4) hold hearings around Indiana to obtain information regarding: (a) the nature of the methamphetamine problem; and (b) local initiatives to combat methamphetamine; (5) invite experts to testify regarding any issue the task force is studying; and (6) collect additional information that will assist the task force in carrying out the duties set forth.

The Governor's Council for a Drug Free Indiana shall staff the task force. The expenses of the Task Force shall be paid from a contingency fund available to the State Budget Agency. Members of the Task Force are entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties, as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana Department of Administration and approved by the State Budget Agency.

Any members of the Task Force who may be members of the General Assembly are entitled to receive the same per diem mileage and travel allowances paid to legislative members of interim study committees established by the Legislative Council. Per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid for members of the General Assembly shall be paid from appropriations made to the Legislative Council or the Legislative Services Agency.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Governor's Council for a Drug Free Indiana; State Budget Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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